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Applicant(s): Matthew Baker et al. )  
Application No. 10/560,918 )  
Filed: December 16, 2005 ) Group Art Unit: 1656  
For: MODIFIED HIRUDIN PROTEINS AND )  
T-CELL EPITOPES IN HIRUDIN )  
Examiner: Karen C. Carlson, Ph.D. ) Attorney Docket No. MER-142

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER RULE 111**

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Sir:

This communication is submitted in response to the Office Action dated 23 November 2007 on the above-identified application. Please amend the application as set forth herein.

**Amendments to the Claims** begins on page 2 of this document.

**Remarks** begin on page 3 of this document.

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I hereby certify that this AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER RULE 111 is being transmitted by facsimile transmission to Fax No. 571-273-8300 on 12 February 2008.

  
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